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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Acting Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 2 May and Later

1. The 25 April Presidential Briefing covered the following in addition to some administrative and operational matters:

- A. SIGINT Briefing (NSA)
- B. Soviet ICBM Readiness and Launch on Warning Capability

2. The following topics are nominated for the 2 May Presidential Briefing:

- A. Prospects for the International Oil Market
- B. President's Quarterly Report

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Soviet Compliance with New US Fishing Regulations (OER)
- B. South African Nuclear Program (NIO/NP) 6 June
- C. Covert Communications (OTS)
- D. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- E. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR)
- F. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)
- G.
- H. Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA) 30 May
- I. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--
A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)
- J. Greek-Turkish Relations (NIO/WE) 9 May
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- Q. Protected Villages in Rhodesia (OGCR)
- R. Soviet Computer Technology (OWI:OER)
- S. Prospects for Law of the Sea After LOS-3 (OGCR)
- T. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event (OWI)
- U. Cuban Developments (ORPA)
- V. Five-Power Conference on Africa (ORPA)
- W. Pakistan (NIO/NESA)
- X. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- Y. Southern Africa: Rhodesia vs. Guerrillas (NIO/AF)
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- A. Soviet Policy in Africa
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5. The following briefing topics have been dropped from the list of active topics for the reasons indicated:

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- C. Zambia & Kaunda. Better covered in PDB.

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7. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached.



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